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SUBJ: ROMANIAN PURCHASES OF US CORN

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1. WE BROACHED QUESTION OF ROMANIAN IMPORTS OF US CORN AND REPORTED SALES TO PORTUGAL AT HIGH LEVEL IN FOREIGN TRADE AND AGRICULTURE MINISTRIES DURING CALLS BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ARTHUR DOWNEY. WE NOTED THAT SHIPMENTS FROM US APPROACHING TOTAL EXPECTED FOR ENTIRE CROP YEAR, REMINDED GOR OF REQUIREMENTS OF VOLUNTARY REPORTING SYSTEM DISCUSSED LAST SEASON AND WARNED THAT INFORMATION ON GOR PURCHASE PLANS WOULD BE REQUIRED IF FURTHER PURCHASES CONTEMPLATED. WE SAID THAT URGENT REQUESTS FOR CCC CREDITS FOR FEED GRAINS FOLLOWED BY SALES OF CORN TO THIRD COUNTRY CREATED CREDIBILITY PROBLEM.

2. DEPUTY AGRICULTURE MINISTER STANCIU TOLD US ROMANIA'S SHORTFALL OF FEED GRAINS FROM THE CURRENT CROP YEAR STILL REQUIRED IMPORTS OF ABOUT 600,000 TONS. HE PROMISED TO CONSULT WITH COLLEAGUE AT FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY AND ADVISE EMBASSY SHORTLY IF FURTHER IMPORTS FROM US AS SUCH WERE CONTEMPLATED. WE WILL FOLLOW UP AGAIN IN COMING DAYS AND REPORT ROMANIAN

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